

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory



1. Name

(indicate preferred name)

PG# 68-4-25

historic

and/or common

Upholstery Service (otherwise vacated)

2. Location

street & number 4614-18 Queensbury Road not for publication

city, town Riverdale vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Stamatia Rodousakis et al

street & number 6300 Sheridan Road telephone no.: 277-5016

city, town Riverdale state and zip code Maryland 20737

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber JWB 38

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 418

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Unknown

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. PG 68-4-25

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This building today sits on Lot 16, ^{and 15} Block 34 of the Riverdale Park Subdivision. It faces south on Queensbury Road in an older commercial area. It is not far from the corner of Rhode Island Avenue near the B & O Railroad tracks.

The two-story building of light yellow brick ^{facade} has two storefronts on the lower level with rooms above. From the back the building appears to be divided into two units on the second level with the back unit of rooms having a balcony or porch. The building today seems unoccupied with the exception of an upholstery business. When I entered this section of the building I was confronted with many Spanish speakers working on what appeared to be large overstuffed leather couches. A quick survey of the space indicated one long rectangular space. There was noticed some pressed metal ceiling in the window bay and a tongue in groove partition near the back of the room.

The exterior, besides suffering from a lack of upkeep still exhibited the old storefronts and the 6/1 windows on the second story. Three doors with transomes were still in place with the middle door leading to a stairwell to the second level.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Early Tens	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or		
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

When this property was purchased by Lewis E and Sadie Breuniger from the Riverdale Park Company in 1896 there were deed restrictions. According to John Fox the property was not to be used for blacksmiths shop, livery, pig-pen, manufacturing, to sell spirits or liquors. It was in 1916 that Aaron and Ray Gordon purchased the property. Although a definite date could not be determined, I suspect the building was constructed around the turn of the century. It has maintained its original function as retail shops up until the present when it is close to being condemned.

The deteriorated physical condition of the building makes this otherwise historic structure questionable. Its contribution however to the development of Riverdale has survived to the present day.

Note: Lot number changes and ownership addresses not corresponding to present addresses requires more work be done on this property as well as 4612.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG-68-4-55

JWB No. 38 Folio 418

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingC

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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